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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were generally trending unchanged in the major terminal markets when compared to a week earlier. Retail demand was reported as slow but in a range of light to moderate with some improvement noted where features were either planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade requirements. In the parts structure, trading was quiet unless features were reported. Breast items were still available, dark meat was sufficient, and wings were adequate to balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range of light to heavy.

**Preliminary Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 06-DEC-2004 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

| AREAS                              | MAJORITY    | RANGE       | WTD<br>AVG | LOADS |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| Delivered to First Receivers       |             |             |            |       |
| Chicago                            | 58.00-61.00 | 51.00-74.00 | 60.69      | 29    |
| New York                           | 63.00-65.00 |             |            |       |
| Los Angeles                        | 80.00       |             |            |       |
| Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent |             |             |            |       |
| Mississippi                        | 70.00-73.00 | 56.00-74.50 | 71.80      | 89    |

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

| LOADS | RANGE       | FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. |
|-------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 983   | 69.50-76.00 | 73.75                    |

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

| ITEM             | WTD. AVG.<br>(CENTS PER POUND) | VOLUME<br>(000 POUNDS) |
|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| LINE RUN TENDERS | 164.50                         | 1,367                  |
| BREASTS - B/S    | 142.00                         | 5,559                  |
| BREASTS - WHOLE  | 72.50                          | 1,329                  |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 69.50                          | 983                    |
| LEG QUARTERS     | 31.00                          | 7,058                  |
| WINGS            | 95.00                          | 2,977                  |

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**MIDWEST** Preliminary prices were unchanged in Chicago when compared from Monday's final. The market tone continued steady on broiler/fryers. Trade interest was light on moderate to ample offerings. Demand was in a full range, mostly light to moderate with instances of fairly good demand into sport bars and fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade was mostly regular commitments and moderate trade volume on wings and dark meat. All items were sufficient for current trade needs with wings in closest position. The market tone was firm on wings; fully steady thighs and dark meat; mixed on leg quarters, barely steady to weak on drums and about steady on the balance.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate, but better where features were either planned or in progress. Food service was also moderate and expected to increase due to holiday shopping. Supplies were sufficient for trade requirements. In the parts structure, trading was best on wings and thigh meat which also kept thighs in good balance. Breast items were balanced to fully adequate, dark meat was usually balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady. Trading reported for next week's deliveries at generally unchanged prices. Offerings were adequate on lightweights and ample on heavyweights. Buying activity somewhat improved. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good; best where first-of-the month features in progress. Trade sentiment was mainly steady on parts. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances.

**Ads noted** (per pound unless otherwise stated):

**Arizona** – boneless breast 149-197, boneless thigh meat 149-199, split breast 179-229, leg quarter 79-99, drumstick 79-129, thigh 79-129;

**Colorado** – whole body 69, boneless breast 199-449, split breast 179, drumstick 99, thigh 99, leg quarter 99,

**(deli food service)** – fried 8 piece mixed or 12 piece drumstick and thigh 649, rotisserie 649 each);

**Northern California** – whole body 99, whole body or cornish hen kosher 239, whole cut-up 159, roaster 139, boneless breast 399-499, boneless breast and thigh meat combo 299, boneless thigh meat 239, split breast 199-259, drumstick 89-149, thigh 89- 149;

**Southern California** – whole body 79-99, whole cut-up 129-169, roaster 129- 149, roaster seasoned 119, WOG 79, boneless breast 159-499, boneless breast 3# bag IQF 597, boneless breast marinated 549, boneless leg meat 99-129, boneless leg meat marinated 79, split breast 88-199, leg quarter 79-89, leg quarter seasoned 89, leg quarter 10# bag frozen 380-490, drumstick 87-149, drumstick 4# bag IQF 396, thigh 87-149, thigh 4# bag IQF 396,

**(deli food service)** – fried 8 piece drumstick and thigh 399, 8 piece mixed 499, rotisserie 479-499 each).

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to available. Dark meat items were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were in good balance.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonal and generally no better than fair. Seller offerings were in close balance to fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed and irregular. Processor schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 78 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, supplies were fully sufficient for immediate needs.

**\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

|                  |                          |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| RANGE            | 61-84                    |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE | 67.22                    |
| NO. OF BOXES     | 8,926                    |
| CUMULATIVE       | 11/29/04-12/03/04 67.65  |
|                  | 12/01/03-12/05/03 64.68  |
| NO. OF BOXES     | 11/29/04-12/03/04 40,584 |
|                  | 12/01/03-12/05/03 39,248 |

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 20-Nov-04 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

-----THOUSANDS-----

|               | 28,725 | 15,304 | 47,176 |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Head          | 28,725 | 15,304 | 47,176 |
| Avg Weight    | 3.66   | 4.77   | 6.46   |
| % of total /1 | 31%    | 17%    | 52%    |

#### Comparisons

|               | 25,919 | 20,132 | 44,675 |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Last week     | 25,919 | 20,132 | 44,675 |
| Avg Weight    | 3.77   | 4.71   | 6.46   |
| % of total /1 | 29%    | 22%    | 49%    |

|                      | 24,513 | 25,381 | 46,333 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Same week, yr ago /2 | 24,513 | 25,381 | 46,333 |
| Avg Weight           | 3.76   | 4.77   | 6.28   |
| % of total /1        | 25%    | 26%    | 48%    |

|              | 1,201,143 | 977,147   | 2,124,885 |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| To date/2004 | 1,201,143 | 977,147   | 2,124,885 |
| To date/2003 | 1,081,172 | 1,114,048 | 2,057,019 |

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

| W/E 27-Nov-04  | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS | DUCKS  |
|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|
|                | 117,717        | 796        | 747        | 1,543      | 402    |
| Head           | 117,717        | 796        | 747        | 1,543      | 402    |
| Avg Wt         | 5.27           | 3.35       | 8.30       | 5.75       | 6.70   |
| Last week      | 156,060        | 1,380      | 1,501      | 2,881      | 503    |
| Same wk yr ago | 118,334        | 668        | 897        | 1,565      | 305    |
| Avg Wt         | 5.35           | 4.10       | 7.98       | 6.32       | 6.81   |
| To-date/2004   | 7,348,148      | 63,965     | 63,717     | 127,682    | 22,031 |
| To-date/2003   | 7,229,565      | 66,680     | 65,946     | 132,626    | 19,417 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 119.1 million head, or 34.0 million less than estimated available.

#### **GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -** NOVEMBER 30, 2004 PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

|                        | RANGE          |                  | RANGE          |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Muscovy Ducks - Drakes | 1.20 - 1.30    | Leghorn Hens     | .02 - .03      |
| Muscovy Ducks - Hens   | 1.20 - 1.30    | Leghorn Roosters | .45 - .50ea.   |
| Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS | .60 - .70      | Pigeons          | 2.85 - 3.00ea. |
| Crossbred Roosters     |                | Rabbits 4-6 LBS  | 1.05 - 1.10    |
| 4-6 LBS                | .90 - 1.10     | Rabbits 6-9 LBS  | .90 - 1.00     |
| Crossbred Roosters     |                | Bunnies          | 1.00 - 2.00ea. |
| 7-11 LBS               | .50 - .65      | Guinea Pigs      | .01 - .03      |
| Guinea Fowl            | 1.35 - 1.40    | Goats            | 45.00-47.00ea. |
| Banty Roosters         | 3.50 - 4.00ea. |                  |                |
| Banty Hens             | 1.75 - 2.25ea. | Total Coops Sold | 176            |

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY** FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 29-NOVEMBER-2004

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

| ORIGIN      | FROZEN  | FRESH   |
|-------------|---------|---------|
| LONG ISLAND | 143-145 | 149-151 |
| MOSTLY      |         |         |
| MIDWEST     | 127-131 | 128-133 |
| MOSTLY      |         |         |

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

|                             | RANGE       | MOSTLY      |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)     | 63.00-70.50 | 68.00-70.00 |
| VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) | 65.00-86.50 | 68.00-76.50 |

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

|        |             |
|--------|-------------|
| 12 OZ. | 60.48-71.28 |
| 14 OZ. | 66.96-77.92 |
| 16 OZ. | 73.44-86.67 |

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were usually adequate. Schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 29-NOVEMBER-2004

| ORIGIN             | FROZEN  | FRESH   |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| MIDWEST AND OTHERS | 116-134 | 118-139 |
| MOSTLY             |         |         |

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

| WEEK ENDING  | MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED | MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE | PCT  | AVG WT |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------|--------|
| October 23   | 164.1                    | 163.9                  | 100% | 5.41   |
| October 30   | 162.5                    | 163.4                  | 99%  | 5.33   |
| November 6   | 161.5                    | 162.0                  | 100% | 5.32   |
| November 13  | 163.9                    | 159.1                  | 103% | 5.30   |
| November 20  | 158.0                    | 154.1                  | 103% | 5.28   |
| November 27  | 119.1                    | 153.1                  | 78%  | 5.27   |
| Year to date | 7437.4                   | 7576.5                 | 98%  |        |
| December 4   |                          | 155.3                  |      |        |
| December 11  |                          | 155.8                  |      |        |

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER** Under Federal Inspection

| W/E      | 12/04/04 | 11/27/04 | % CHG  | 12/06/03 | % CHG |
|----------|----------|----------|--------|----------|-------|
| Broilers | 161,117  | 117,717* | +36.87 | 154,912* | +4.01 |
| Cattle   | 585      | 473      | +24    | 617*     | -05   |
| Hogs     | 2,082    | 1,867    | +12    | 2,112*   | -01   |
| *ACTUAL  |          |          |        |          |       |

DEC 02

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

DEC 03

| ITEM                | POUNDS            |               |          |         | POUNDS            |               |          |         | WEEKLY |         |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------|--------|---------|
|                     | (000)             | RANGE         | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | (000)             | RANGE         | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | (000)  | WTD AVG |
| BREAST - B/S        | 643               | 108.00-150.00 | 112-120  | 117.92  | 1,930             | 110.00-150.00 | 115-120  | 119.60  | 4,673  | 118.31  |
| TENDERLOINS         | 290               | 106.00-170.00 | 110-115  | 118.72  | 260               | 105.00-170.00 | 110-115  | 116.15  | 1,380  | 117.75  |
| BREAST - LINE RUN   | 115               | 68.00-74.00   | 70-72    | 70.61   | 85                | 65.00-74.00   | 70-72    | 71.00   | 505    | 71.41   |
| FRONT HALVES        | TOO FEW TO REPORT |               |          |         | TOO FEW TO REPORT |               |          |         | 390    | 56.50   |
| LEGS                | 93                | 30.00-49.00   | 32-34    | 34.11   | 98                | 29.00-49.00   | 30-32    | 33.90   | 445    | 34.11   |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 550               | 23.00-29.00   | 25-26    | 25.44   | 550               | 23.00-29.00   | 26-27    | 26.09   | 2,710  | 25.58   |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 1,013             | 25.00-32.00   | 27-29    | 27.90   | 816               | 25.00-32.00   | 28-29    | 28.00   | 4,634  | 27.73   |
| WINGS (WHOLE)       | 290               | 89.00-97.00   | 90-92    | 90.86   | 295               | 90.00-97.00   | 90-93    | 92.68   | 1,525  | 89.96   |
| WINGS (CUT)         | 380               | 107.00-115.00 | 110-114  | 111.95  | 480               | 107.00-114.00 | 109-113  | 111.55  | 2,225  | 111.57  |
| DRUMSTICKS          | TOO FEW TO REPORT |               |          |         | TOO FEW TO REPORT |               |          |         | 179    | 37.55   |
| THIGHS              | TOO FEW TO REPORT |               |          |         | TOO FEW TO REPORT |               |          |         | 312    | 31.22   |
| B/S THIGHS          | TOO FEW TO REPORT |               |          |         | 120               | 67.00-75.00   | -        | 71.33   | 515    | 72.05   |

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS\*\*\*\*\*  
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TRADING FOR DEC 02, 2004 F.O.B. DOCK.

TRADING FOR DEC 03, 2004 F.O.B. DOCK.

| RANGE         | TODAY'S AVERAGE | RANGE         | TODAY'S AVERAGE | 5-DAY AVERAGE |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 37.00 - 45.00 | 40.16           | 38.50 - 45.50 | 42.27           | 41.21         |

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend and was noted as fair to moderate at best. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate; bone-in breasts were available and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were in good balance and clearing. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was barely steady for bone-in breasts and drums. Other items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

| ITEM                       | CURRENT NEG |        |         | WTD | CURRENT NEG |        |         | WTD    | WEEKLY    |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|-----|-------------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|
|                            | TRADING*    | AVG**  | VOL/LBS |     | TRADING*    | AVG**  | VOL/LBS |        |           |
| BREAST - B/S               | 125-130     | 125.24 | 749,720 |     | 125-130     | 128.79 | 692,960 | 125.72 | 3,258,600 |
| TENDERLOINS                | 110         | 116.64 | 203,520 |     | 110         | 111.20 | 194,040 | 113.41 | 904,820   |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS         | 68-69       | 75.52  | 100,960 |     | 68-69       | 74.89  | 131,400 | 74.55  | 550,000   |
| BREAST - LINE RUN          | 68          | 66.38  | 94,480  |     | 68          | 70.03  | 99,800  | 68.51  | 485,960   |
| LEGS                       | 42-43       | 38.75  | 282,520 |     | 42-43       | 39.06  | 318,080 | 39.17  | 1,577,920 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK)        | 28-29       | 29.57  | 344,847 |     | 28-29       | 27.81  | 409,437 | 29.15  | 1,697,693 |
| DRUMSTICKS                 | 23-24       | 29.12  | 182,040 |     | 23-24       | 30.27  | 188,100 | 30.32  | 709,820   |
| THIGHS                     | 26-27       | 40.12  | 52,560  |     | 26-27       | 41.05  | 56,060  | 39.22  | 277,500   |
| B/S THIGHS                 | 76-77       | 67.51  | 114,720 |     | 76-77       | 71.30  | 88,680  | 69.40  | 485,880   |
| WINGS (WHOLE)              | 93-94       | 103.26 | 214,320 |     | 93-94       | 103.73 | 213,160 | 103.03 | 833,520   |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12       | 11.77  | 36,160  |     | 10-12       | 11.91  | 29,640  | 11.80  | 161,600   |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)      | 30-35       | 27.49  | 10,920  |     | 30-35       | 30.30  | 15,680  | 26.95  | 135,200   |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS)          | 60-65       | 69.44  | 16,040  |     | 60-65       | 70.47  | 17,320  | 69.88  | 116,760   |

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

|                | ESTIMATED  |         | ACTUAL  |         | AVG WT  |         | ACTUAL     |         | AVG WTS |         |
|----------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                | (1,000)    | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000)    | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) |
| 12/03          | 12/02      | 12/01   | 11/30   | 12/01   | 11/30   | 11/26   | 11/24      |         |         |         |
| Alabama        | 4,606      | 4,145   | 4,109   | 3,952   | 5.25    | 5.27    | 3,128      | 5.17    |         |         |
| Arkansas       | 6,206      | 5,581   | 5,391   | 5,466   | 5.12    | 5.18    | 2,678      | 5.13    |         |         |
| Delmarva       | 2,210      | 2,234   | 2,211   | 2,248   | 5.64    | 5.69    | 2,213      | 5.64    |         |         |
| KY-LA-TN       | 2,136      | 2,142   | 1,752   | 2,095   | 5.20    | 5.22    | 1,747      | 4.77    |         |         |
| Mississippi    | 3,124      | 2,973   | 3,003   | 3,045   | 5.67    | 5.72    | 2,079      | 5.48    |         |         |
| North Carolina | 2,614      | 2,576   | 2,510   | 2,455   | 6.55    | 6.52    | 2,365      | 6.54    |         |         |
| Texas          | 2,505      | 2,515   | 2,556   | 2,518   | 5.19    | 5.33    | 2,503      | 4.52    |         |         |
| Total          | 23,401     | 22,166  | 21,532  | 21,779  | 5.46    | 5.50    | 16,713     | 5.28    |         |         |
| Mon-Fri        | 111,650(A) |         |         |         |         |         | 82,202 (A) |         |         |         |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Dec-04 and 04-Dec-04 is estimated to be 35,011,000 head up 39.60 percent from a week ago and up 9.24 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 25,080,000, last year 32,051,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 04-Dec-04 is estimated to be 161,117,000 head up 36.87 percent from a week ago, and up 4.01 percent from a year ago.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

|                  | RANGE |
|------------------|-------|
| FRESH FRYERS     | 97-99 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | 107   |
| HENS UNDER 5#    |       |
| HENS OVER 5#     | 63-67 |
| DUCKS            |       |
| RABBITS-WHOLE    |       |
| RABBITS-CUT UP   |       |

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

|                  | RANGE   |
|------------------|---------|
| FRESH FRYERS     | 103-105 |
| ICE PACK         |         |
| DRY PACK         | 103-108 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | 108-111 |
| ICE PACK         |         |
| DRY PACK         | 111     |
| HENS OVER 5#     | 89-93   |
| ICE PACK         |         |
| DRY PACK         | 89-95   |
| DUCKS            | 175-192 |

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged to slightly higher on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to good for light canners; fairly good to good for heavies with most supplies being used internally. Offerings were well cleared and were adequate to about adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady. CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS****(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

28-32 MAJORITY 28-30

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS****(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

29-34 MAJORITY 30-34

**HEAVY CANNER HENS****(WITHOUT NECKS)**

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**HEAVY CANNER HENS****(WITHOUT NECKS)**

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was fair to was moderate with offerings of spent hens generally sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Opinions on removal costs were steady. **RANGE MAJORITY**  
REMOVAL COST 5-9 7-9

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Costs required for disposal were too few to report. Offerings were fully adequate for needs. Finished sales were seasonal. Schedules were reduced. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

**RANGE MAJORITY**  
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Demand was fairly good to good with offerings short of needs to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**  
REMOVAL COST 0-5

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

**HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-DEC-04

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was at least moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were mixed but mostly normal. Sales of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**  
AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT  
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT  
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of heavy hens. Sales of finished product were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady to fully steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**  
AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

**New York City Seasonal Poultry**

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2004.

**CAPONS:**

Supplies of USDA grade A frozen capons continued in close balance with anticipated demand. Processors were busy with December bookings. Shipper asking prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

**DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:**  
6-9 LBS. 1.65-1.80 MOSTLY 1.65-1.75

**GEESE:**

Shipper asking prices were unchanged from last week. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese were in close balance with anticipated demand. Processors were packing against prior bookings for December holiday needs. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

**DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:**  
8-16 LBS. 2.40-2.55 MOSTLY 2.45-2.55

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